

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed on August 22, 2003, has been received and reviewed. Claims 1–4, 6–13, and 16–21 are currently pending in the application. All claims stand rejected. The indication of allowable subject matter in each of claims 1–4 and 6–13 is noted with appreciation. Claim 1 has been amended without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 16–21 have been cancelled herein. Reconsideration of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph, Rejections

Claims 1–4, 6–13, and 16–21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. In particular, the phrase “may be” in each of claims 1, 16, and 21 is stated to be unclear as to whether it is a true limitation. The phrase “may be” in line 1 of claim 1 has been amended to instead recite --is capable of being-- to make clear that the children’s vehicle seat claimed therein is *capable of being* used as both a seat and a stroller. Accordingly, it is believed that claim 1 is definite and distinctly claims the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. As such, the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejection of claim 1 is believed to have been overcome. Each of claims 2–4 and 6–13 depends, directly or indirectly, from claim 1 and, accordingly, the rejection as to these claims is believed to have been overcome as well. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejection of claims 1–4 and 6–13.

Each of claims 16–21 has been cancelled by way of the present communication and, accordingly, the rejection of these claims has been rendered moot.

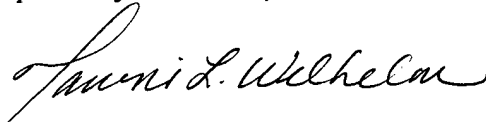
35 U.S.C. § 102(b) Anticipation Rejections

Claims 16–21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,367,821 to Thiele. Each of claims 16 – 21 has been cancelled by way of the present communication and, accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejection of these claims has been rendered moot.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-4 and 6-13 are believed to be in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is respectfully solicited. Should it be determined that additional issues remain which might be resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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